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§1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3731**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants submit this Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in reply to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2005. Entry and consideration of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

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